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Thanks

- .. To those parents who attended and supported this week's Year 7 & 8 abseiling / caving experience at Waipu Caves.
- .. Miss Bevin, Mrs (Grace) Williams and Jennie Clarke for your work with our school band.
- .. Mrs Witte who provided guidance to children this week on how to prepare their art scholarship portfolios (and to parents who are assisting with the preparation of these).

People of the Week

- .. Laura qualified for Auckland Juniors Swimming Competition 50m breaststroke and 50m backstroke.
- .. Max chosen for Under 14 Skiing training squad in March.

Start Date for 2011

School will recommence on 3rd February 2011. Term 1 2011 finishes 1 April.

Classes for 2011

Class lists for 2011 will be displayed on the hall notice board on the afternoon of 10 December.

Prizegiving

Please keep the evening of Tuesday 14th December free for our annual prize giving. This evening will start 6.00pm and will conclude approx 8.30pm with a supper. Grandparents are welcome.

Cups and Trophies

Thank you to those who have returned their prize giving cups. For those who have not yet returned their cups, could you please ensure these are returned by Monday 22 November. **THIS IS NOW URGENT.** Thank you.



Responsibility Virtue

A reminder to continue your good work at home on the Responsibilities virtue. Please advise us of special gains so we can acknowledge these in the newsletter. Those children judged by their classes as exemplifying our current virtue will be announced shortly.

think... SOLD!

think yellow,
think...

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All the Best "Project Rock"

Our school band is performing at the Te Koporu Multicultural festival at Te Koporu School tomorrow at 1pm. If you are in the area they would love your support.

Term 4 School Contributions

Those who opted for quarterly payment of their school contribution would have received a payment request last week - please check your child's bag. It would be appreciated if all outstanding contributions could be paid within the next week or by a mutually agreed alternative date. Thanks.

Term Calendar

Additional dates will be advised as these come to hand.

30 November	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics
30 Nov - 3 Dec	Year 4 camp at Marsden Bay
2-3 December	Year 3 camp at Marsden Bay
6 December	Year 7 and 8 abseiling at Whangarei Falls
10 December	Reports issued to parents
13 December	Team Athletics Day
14 December	Prize Giving
15 December	Year 8 Fun Day
16 December	Final day of school year (school finishes at 12:00)

Senior School Request

If you have an old sofa you would like to donate to Room 10 we would really love to have it. Thank you.

Year 3 / 4 Camp to Marsden Bay

Any questions in the run up to camp to Mrs Abbott please. Payment is now due - \$40 for Y3 students and \$125 for the Year 4's.

Mary Wallace Art Awards

Children entering for the art scholarships will need to have their portfolio in to the office by **Monday 29 November 9:00 AM please**. A reminder that each portfolio is to contain .. 4 pieces of art work completed by the candidate this year .. 1 piece completed (at school) in some other year .. a brief written statement on one of the art pieces.

Lunchtime Athletics Competitions

Thank you to those parents who are assisting with lunchtime athletics competitions (Michelle Konings, Michelle Blagrove, Jo Bruncker and Syd Gregory). Please encourage your children to participate in these events. Please also ensure that all children (years 4 to 8) wear clothing suitable for track and field events.

Drink Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school each day to place on their desk. Water is best.

Home Gardens

Parents of children in the Home Garden Programme are asked to note that the **judging will take place on SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER**, starting 8:00 AM and concluding early evening. Parents will be asked to place a balloon at their gate, provide directions to the garden, tie up dogs etc. (further details to follow next week). Children are welcome to meet the judges (although this is not essential) but it will not be possible to be precise about the time of your visit. **Please also note that garden diaries were due at school 9:00 AM FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER**. "Consent to Visit" forms were sent home today. Please return these early next week. Where there is no form returned, a visit by the judge will not take place.



Early arrival at school

Please ensure you do not drop your child at school before 8:00 AM in the morning. We can offer some level of supervision beyond this time but would prefer arrivals post 8:15 AM if possible please.

Interschool Athletics Competition - Year 7 and 8 - 30 Nov (pp 2 Dec)

A good number of our students qualified for this event based on their performances at the zone day at Poroti School. The interschool event will be held at Kensington Park (near the athletics track) starting 9:45 AM. Consents for this event will be sent home shortly. Any questions in the run up to this event to Mr D please.

Headlice Inspection

We are pleased to advise that the school is now as headlice free as we are likely to get it. Please check your child's hair each week and respond quickly in the event of infestation. Thank you again to our inspection team.

School T-Shirts

If your child has borrowed a school T-Shirt please ensure this is returned to school (washed) a.s.a.p.

Skids Holiday Programme

Skids will again be offering a fun filled holiday programme from 20th to 24th December 2010 (half day) and from 17th to 28th January 2011. There will be options to book for full days, short days or even half days. Please register your interest by ringing or txt to 0278461724. Alternatively pop into the hall after school to find out more information.



2010 Chocolate Fundraiser

All money was due back to the office today. Please return all monies and unsold chocolates next week. If you are able to sell more chocolate, please contact the office and we will issue a box to you.

Scholastic Issue 8

. was issued this week. Orders and money are due back to office by 5 December 2010.

Friday Lunches

Thanks to a wonderful parent, we can now offer you a healthy day-off making school lunches - Ham & Salad Filled Rolls or Salad Filled Rolls. The rolls come with a juice for \$3.50 or a milk drink for an extra \$0.50c. Hot pies, sausage rolls and Big Daddy's (aka double happy) are still available for ordering as usual. Orders need to be to the office by Wednesday morning at the latest.



Community Notices

Home Cleaner Available - Ph Mandy Blackley, 0274744279 or txt and she'll contact you.

For Rent - 3bdrm hse, Matarau Rd, approximately 3km from the school. Ph 4335814.

House to Rent - 4 bdrm villa with wetback fire box, spring water, wet area shower/bathroom, HRV system. Pets allowed. Dbl garage. Situated at Matarau. Available immediately for min 12 months \$350/wk. Ph Naomi on 4335786 or 02102676598.

Wanted - Horse grassing, Ruatangata/Piawai Rd area, for 1 horse and pony, both excellent with kids, other horses and all other animals. Please ph Lotus 0212465055.

WGHS Enrolments & Orientation day - Monday 6 December 2010. Enrolment interviews at WGHS every Tuesday & Thursday during school hours. Call now for a prospectus and interview time.

Rural Homebased Childcare - Porse approved, 200m from Matarau School. 20 hrs free for 3 months to 5 years old. Phone today to book your space. Annemari 0211413221.

A&P Show - Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th December. Childrens Pet competition Sunday 5th December. Entry forms available at the office.

Marsden Bay Holiday Camp - Marsden Bay Christian Camp, variety of indoor and outdoor activities, ages 9-13, Sunday 9 Jan 2pm to Friday 14 Jan 10am. For enquiries ph Helena Lamason 09 4447456 or email hlamason@hotmail.com.

Kai-iwi Lakes Water Ski Club - Kai-iwi Lakes, Saturday 20 November, 10 am-3pm. Ph Mark Adams on 0275755111.

Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics - Play gym for preschoolers, gym fun and competitive gym for school age, trampoline competitions also. Spaces now available for 2011. Phone Marianne 4352990 Mon-Thur or email wags.gym@xtra.co.nz.

School Holiday casual work wanted - Reliable hardworking 16yr old high school student needs casual holiday work to stop her driving her family mad!! Willing to do housework, gardening, mowing, minding/feeding pets while owners away on holiday, babysitting and similar tasks - pay can be negotiated, parent available to help/supervise where appropriate. Needing to have flexible hours as competitive swimmer training extensively for regional and national competitions over summer holidays. Available to start from 24 November. Please phone Holly or Michele, home 09 4335 735 or mobile 027 6100 303 to enquire

Research findings on what really makes a difference to learning

	<u>Last week</u>	<u>This week</u>
Bigger difference than was believed	Class environment	Goal setting
Lesser difference than was believed	Physical attributes of students	Instructional media

Wanting to look deeper .. visit www.learningandteaching.info/teaching/what_works.htm .. for info and links

Looking Ahead

If you know your child will NOT be at Matarau School next year please phone Helen next week or leave a message on the school answer phone over the weekend. Alternatively, if you know of children likely to enrol, of whom we may not be aware, please also let us know. Thanks.

Sun safety

A big congratulations to students (and parents) for 100% compliance to our sunhat policy. The board has asked me to remind parents that Northland's summer sun is especially dangerous and that we need to work together to teach the sun safe message to our students. We would encourage you to buy clothing with a sun protection factor if you can (our school T-shirts comply) and to ensure that (at minimum) clothing covers children's shoulders (long sleeves even better). You are also encouraged to put sunblock on your children in the mornings (especially on days where they will be largely outside - e.g. sports days) and to put sun block in their school bags at your discretion (with perhaps guidance at home on how to apply). You never know, your efforts may save a life.

Final Thoughts

Someone sent us these thoughts from a 90 year old man who put to paper the 45 best lessons his long life has taught him. This list has become somewhat famous. Will share his "reasons for celebration of age".

- .. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- .. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
- .. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
- .. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick, Your friends and family will. Stay in touch.
- .. pay off your credit cards every month. *(5 more next week!)*

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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